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## MACKEREL AT NANAIMO.

### Gill Net Fisherman Made Interesting Discovery.

#### First Known To Be Caught in Northern Pacific.

On the last day of November a fisherman employed by the Nanaimo Fisheries, Ltd., at Nanaimo, B. C., made the interesting discovery that he had gathered in his net the first specimen of mackerel known to have been caught in Northern Pacific waters. Though herring are plentiful enough in Nanaimo waters, and herring and mackerel usually are found together, it had come to be an axiom with the fishermen that there were no mackerel on that coast. The specimen caught was the true species all right, though but little larger than a good-sized herring.

The capture of a year or so ago by a Nanaimo fisherman of the famous zapoia, the sole known fish of its kind, and which brought a visit from members of the United States Fish Commission in search of others of the species, did not create greater interest in fishery circles.

Following the announcement, the telegraph operators at the Bamfield station of the British Pacific cable on the west coast of Vancouver island, wired that numbers of fish resembling mackerel have been taken in Barclay sound, West Coast, this season, for the first time.

In commenting upon this remarkable catch, the Pacific Fisherman states that Mr. A. W. Jervis, the manager of the Nanaimo Fisheries Company, called at the office and showed a photograph of the mackerel and it is reproduced in the paper.

The fish was caught in a herring gill net by the fishermen of the company. The fishermen there call the fish a "chub" mackerel. From the picture it is undoubtedly a mackerel, possibly of the "hard head" variety.

## DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

### To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Mary Edith, shore.  
Sch. Helen B. Thomas, shore.

### Vessels Sailed.

### Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh fish:

Salt fish, handline Georges cod, \$4.90 per cwt. for large, \$4.00 for medium; trawl Georges cod, \$4.25 for large, \$3.25 for medium; trawl Bank cod, \$4.00 for large, \$3.50 for medium; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.25; haddock, \$1.75; large cusk, \$2.50.

Fresh fish, large cod, \$2.15; medium cod, \$1.75; all cod caught to the eastward of La-Have bank, \$2.15, medium \$1.75; cusk, \$1.50; Eastern haddock, \$1; Western haddock, \$1.15; hake, 90 cts.; Eastern hake, 90 cts.; Western hake, 95 cts.; pollock, 70c; snap per codfish, 60 cts.; snapper cusk, 40 cts.

Outside sales salt Georges cod, \$5.50 per cwt. for large and \$5.00 for mediums.

Outside sales fresh hake, \$1.00.

Bank halibut, 11 cts. per pound for white and 9 cts. for gray.

### Boston.

Sch. Speculator, 35,000 haddock.

Sch. Winnifred, 25,000 haddock.

Sch. Manhasset, 30,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Buema, 45,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Benj. F. Phillips, 40,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 5000 haddock, 500 cod, 7000 hake.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 3500 haddock, 400 cod, 5500 hake, 5000 cusk.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, 35,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Haddock, \$1.50 to \$2; large cod, \$4.50 to \$5; hake \$4; pollock, \$3.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Maxine Elliott of this port was at Louisburg, C. B., recently.

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## INNER HARBOR FILLED.

### Heavy Ice Floe Makes Hard Work for Towboats.

#### Vessels Forced To Anchor Outside Ten Pound Island.

The continued cold weather and westerly wind has had the effect of still farther extending the area of the ice field, which blocks the inner harbor and is now stretching well out in the outer part of the harbor.

Yesterday afternoon, the towboats were able to get vessels out from the wharves of John Pew & Sons and Gardner & Parsons, but this morning that channel is solidly packed in again. Sch. Edna Wallace Hopper, which is soon to go to New York with her cargo of frozen herring, was broken out from the wharf of William Parsons, 2d, & Co., at East Gloucester, but it was a hard job, as the ice there was very thick and it required the toughest kind of ice breaking to start her.

The fleet of little shore fishing boats, which usually tie up in Harbor Cove, have been gradually moving down toward the outer harbor as the ice made so that they could get out, but yesterday they were all at Fort wharf, and the ice has made so fast and thick this morning that the whole fleet is frozen in at that point.

The main ice floe now covers the whole inner harbor, from the head of the harbor out to just beyond the spindle, and inside of this area it is impossible for a vessel to move except with the aid of one or two towboats.

Outside of this, the broken ice in cakes and long, narrow fields and slush, extends almost to the mouth of the harbor, one floe of considerable extent lying off the western end of Ten Pound island.

Along on the Eastern Point shore, from the copper paint factory around in back of Ten Pound island and way out to the breakwater is a big ice field, which has formed in the past few days and which to the eye presents an almost unbroken surface.

Nearly all the vessels which are intending to go to sea during the next few days have been towed down to anchorages below Ten Pound

island, so as to have clear water and not be caught if the inner harbor should freeze any more. Last night over 20 sail of the market fishing fleet came in and all anchored far down the harbor. The big sch. Mildred Robinson of Boston came in from off shore late in the afternoon, but she could get no farther in than off the spindle, where the fire b'd her up and she dropped anchor.

Sch. Patriot came in during the night and anchored down below and a lot of the vessels which sailed during the day came back and also anchored down below, not caring to come too close to the growing ice floe. The Patriot will have to go up to John Pew & Son's wharf today to take out her trip, and the chances are that the towboat will have no easy time putting her up there.

In some parts of the harbor where the movements of the towboats have broken up the ice, the great cakes have by the action of the wind and tide been forced under each other and in many places stuck up on end, giving a very rough appearance, with ice hillocks and hummocks, and at the same time making the ice field very much thicker.

While the ice embargo of this port is not complete, as the tugs by hard work can reach most of the wharves on this side of the harbor, yet a few days more of the kind of weather which has prevailed for a few days past will certainly carry the main floe right to Ten Pound island, and also increase the thickness of the icefield in the inner harbor, so that it may be impossible to reach but very few of the wharves, even with the aid of a towboat. An easterly wind would do more to clear the ice away at the present time than anything else, but the weatherwise ones say there is no sign of the wind from that quarter right away.

Essex river is frozen tightly from one end to the other and to way down below the spindle near Ipswich bay. There is also a considerable ice field from that point, way along Wingsheek beach and over across to the shores of Annisquam river.

Annisquam river has seldom been frozen to any greater extent than now. Men have been walking all over it from Annisquam Point to nearly up to the railroad bridge.

### Patent Fish Dryer.

Mr. W. F. Robinson of the Robinson Fisheries Company, Anacortes, Washington, formerly of this city, has just received notice from the United States patent office to the effect that a patent has been granted him on the Robinson Dryer, an invention now in use in the codfish plant of the company at that place. This dryer has proven a big success and does in four or five hours what it takes two days to do in the sun. Mr. Robinson is highly pleased with his success in the matter.

## LUNENBURG BANKERS.

### Twenty Are Fitting for Early Salt Cod Fishing Trips.

About 20 schooners are fitting out at Lunenburg for an early fishing trip to the Banks, and they will probably sail in three weeks time. They will bait with frozen herring brought direct from Bay of Islands, and the early trip is largely due to their having a bait supply. There is much need of a large bait freezer at Lunenburg, for if one were available the vessels would be able to make an early trip and return to there to sell their fish and refit.

Until recent years the Lunenburg fleet only made two trips a year, fitting out for the first in May. Last season some of the vessels made a trip in April and got good fares—much better, indeed, than later in the year. This year they will make the earliest trip on record. The sending of vessels to Newfoundland for frozen herring bait has proved successful, and is becoming a regular feature of the fishing trade. Sch. Lita D. Young brought a load from Bay of Islands, but schs. Peerless and Gladys Smith are still at Fortune Bay.